

of about 25° to about 75° with respect to a soil surface.

#### REMARKS

Claims 11-15 are pending in the present amendments.

Claims 1-10 are canceled

Claims 11 and 15 are currently amended.

No new matter is entered as a result of the amendments or newly added claims.

The claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth herein. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norton '532.

Norton fails to recite two claim elements meeting at a cutting edge as set forth in dependent claims 1, 11 and 15. The rejection is therefore traversed.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norton '532.

Additional Art

Applicants sincerely appreciate the opportunity to discuss the claims and proposed amendments with the Examiner and the Supervisory Examiner.

The Examiner indicated that the amendments traverse the rejections but that other art could be relied on for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Examples provided by the Examiner include U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,405,665; 6,289,996 and 5,526,759 each of which is cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the anticipated 103(a) rejection for the reasons set forth below.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,289,996 fails to recite a cutting edge as defined in the claims.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,526,759 teaches a cutting edge which is perpendicular to the ground as opposed to the recited angles.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,405,665 fails to teach having the tines between the wheels for stability and teaches against such a construction since the requirement is to cover a large area.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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